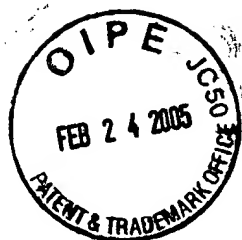


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office action dated August 27, 2004, Applicant submits the following response and Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131.

Claims 1-10 and 12-21 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-10, 12-15 and 18-20 are allowed.

The Examiner rejected Claims 16-17 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Borovoy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,873,107) in view of Dutta (U.S. Patent No. 6,636,854).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.